7121 E Loop Road, PO Box 371 Stevenson, Washington 98648

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Leana,

Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation as Volunteer Fire Chief, effective **January 1**<sup>st,</sup> **2025**. I have let the volunteers know the date of my resignation and will be working with them on choosing a new Fire Chief. Once a new Chief is chosen, I will start working with you on the transition plan.

I am proud to have served this community and led our department to significant advancements. My accomplishments include:

- Replacing SCBAs with NFPA-compliant equipment, ensuring crew safety and compliance.
- Building a solid social media presence, enhancing community engagement and department visibility.
- Securing State DNR grants to replace both brush rigs and purchase wildland PPE, enhancing our wildland response capabilities.
- Designing and purchasing a new 2500-gallon pumper/tender using a FEMA AFG grant, improving our firefighting capacity.
- Acquiring a Command Rig through Department of Ecology grant funding, enhancing incident command capabilities.
- Developing and implementing the Department's Fire Strategic Plan, guiding our future growth and development.
- Strengthening relationships with mutual aid response partners, ensuring a unified emergency response.

I am grateful for the opportunities and experiences during my tenure. I have confidence in the department's continued success and growth.

Sincerely,

**Rob Farris, Fire Chief** 

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